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RAPP UP

1. SUMMARY. MESSAGE SUMMARIZES TC ACTIONS AGENDA ITEMS NOT ALREADY REPORTED BY SEPTTEL, INCLUDING GOVERNMENT PURCHASING, EXPORT CREDITS, AND AUSTRALIAN TRADE POLICY REVIEW. END SUMMARY.

2. GOVERNMENT PURCHASING. AFTER HEARING REPORT BY CHAIRMAN ON RESULTS OF LAST TCWP MEETING (USOECD 14500 FRENCH, US, CANADIAN AND UK DELS MADE STRONG APPEAL TO OTHERS TO AGREE TO REPORT ON REGULAR BASIS DATA NECESSARY TO ENABLE GOVERNMENTS TO MAKE SOUND JUDGMENTS ON SCOPE AND IMPLICATIONS OF CODE THAT MIGHT BE NEGOTIATED IN FUTURE. LEADING OFF, FRENCH DEL (GUYOT) MADE THOUGHTFUL AND FORCEFUL INTERVENTION POINTING OUT THAT PRECISE AND DETAILED DATA BECOME MORE IMPORTANT AS WE GET NEARER AN ACCORD ON GOVERNMENT PURCHASING. AFTER CONSIDERABLE EFFORT DEVOTED TO DEFINING ELEMENTS OF A WORKABLE CODE, IT WOULD BE MOST REGRETTABLE IF NEGOTIATIONS WERE TO FAIL OWING TO A LACK OF INFORMATION. MOREOVER, FURTHER DELAY IN COLLECTING DATA WOULD, AT MINIMUM, RETARD PUTTING CODE INTO OPERATION, PERHAPS AT HIGH COST TO MEMBER COUNTRIES. SKETCHY DATA NOW AVAILABLE CAN ONLY MULTIPLY UNNECESSARY MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND CONFUSION AS MEMBER COUNTRIES NEAR FINAL PRE-NEGOTIATION PHASE IN PREPARING CODE. US, CANADIAN AND NOTABLY UK DELS LINED UP BEHIND FRENCH STATEMENT. US DEL (GLITMAN) URGED TC MEMBERS TO REFLECT BETWEEN NOW AND NEXT TC MEETING ON HOW TO INSURE THAT TCWP RECEIVES CLEAR, UNEQUIVOCAL INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING DATA TO BE PROVIDED BY ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES. TC AND TCWP CHAIRMEN ENDORSED LATTER POINT. WITH EXCEPTION OF DANE, FRG AND OTHER DELS WHO HAVE UNCLASSIFIED

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OPPOSED DATA COLLECTING EXERCISE IN PAST WERE NOTABLY SILENT.

2. EXPORT CREDITS. SWEDISH, UK, FRENCH AND CANADIAN DELS COMMENDED WORK BY TC'S EXPORT CREDIT GROUP AND URGED THAT IT BE GIVEN HIGHER PRIORITY IN LIGHT OF EXPLICIT MENTION OF COOPERATION ON EXPORT CREDITS CONTAINED IN OECD MINISTERIAL DECLARATION ON TRADE AND

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OTHER CURRENT ACCOUNT MEASURES. LATTER THREE DELS URGED US AND JAPANESE DELS TO PARTICIPATE IN OECD PRIOR CONSULTATION PROCEDURE (PCP) AS CONCRETE WAY OF CARRYING OUT MINISTERIAL DECLARATION. CANADIAN DEL REFERRED TO PRIVATE US-EC TALKS ABOUT A "GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT" ON EXPORT CREDITS. HE EXPRESSED HOPE FOR RAPID PROGRESS IN THESE TALKS AND URGED COUNTRIES CONCERNED TO INVITE OTHER INTERESTED COUNTRIES TO BE "BROUGHT INTO THE ACT". RESPONDING TO URGING BY OTHER DELS FOR US PARTICIPATION IN PCP, US DEL LIMITED HIMSELF TO SAYING THAT WE FULLY SUPPORTED MINISTERIAL DECLARATION IN LETTER AND IN SPIRIT AND WERE ACTIVELY COOPERATING IN WORK OF EXPORT CREDITS GROUP. ON SAME POINT, JAPANESE DEL SIMPLY SAID HE WOULD REPORT VIEWS OF TC MEMBERS TO GOJ.

3. AUSTRALIAN TRADE REVIEW. TC REHEARSED BRIEFLY MAIN CONCERNS AND PREOCCUPATIONS ABOUT AUSTRALIAN TRADE POLICIES THAT WERE BROUGHT TO LIGHT AT TCWP MEETING IN MAY (USOECD L2688). AUSTRALIAN DEL (HARRIS) SAID THAT IN CONTEXT OF CURRENT GOA REVIEW OF MANY FACETS OF AUSTRALIAN TRADE POLICY, MAIN CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY TC AND ITS WORKING PARTY WERE BEING TAKEN FULLY INTO ACCOUNT. HE NOTED THAT SINCE TCWP MEETING, GOA HAD PUBLISHED A "GREEN PAPER" ON BY-LAW SYSTEM INVITING ALL INTERESTED PARTIES, INCLUDING FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS, TO COMMENT. HE ALSO SAID THAT TCWP INPUT WAS PARTICULARLY VALUABLE IN CURRENT REVIEW OF GOA GOVERNMENT PURCHASING POLICIES. IN RECOGNITION OF HIGH PRAISE FOR REVIEW EXPRESSED BY ALL SPEAKERS, CHAIRMAN (HERMES) SAID AUSTRALIAN TRADE POLICY REVIEW WAS "MODEL OF ITS KIND" AND SHOULD BE VIEWED AS SUCH IN PREPARING REVIEWS OF THIS KIND IN FUTURE.

4. THERE WAS NO SIGNIFICANT DISCUSSION OF OTHER SUB-
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JECTS UNDER AGENDA ITEM "WORK IN PROGRESS" WITH RESULT
THAT TC SIMPLY NOTED CURRENT STATUS OF WORK.
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